

May 15, 2010

Federal Election Commission  
Washington D.C. 20463  
Attn: Ms. Sylvette S. Garnes

Dear Ms. Garnes:

We are in receipt of your letter dated April 23, 2010 regarding our Year End Report (12/01/09 - 12/31/09) in which you questioned the following two items:

1. Expenditures made for "Fundraising consulting fees" and "Fundraising banquet and venue" in which a portion or all of these expenditures were made on behalf of a specifically identified candidate.

These expenditures were NOT made for or on behalf of a specifically identified candidate. The Fundraising consulting fees are paid to an outside consultant on a monthly basis to assist us in our ongoing efforts to raise both state and federal money for the party. Her efforts in this area cannot be attributed to any specific donations and therefore should not be allocated as a fundraising expense using the funds received method. We believe they are properly classified as an administrative allocable expense.

Secondly the Fundraising banquet and venue was mischaracterized. The event was a host and toast party event in which many of our State elected officials were honoured for their years of service. We chose to pay for this event using some of our federal money and feel the expense is properly classified as an administrative allocable expense. We will be more careful in our descriptions of events for future filings.

2. Itemized disbursements must include a brief description of why the disbursements were made. Our description of "Contract labor" requires further clarification.

We have been disclosing this disbursement in this way since December 2008 as it best describes the services performed for the party. This individual is an outside consultant that has contracted with us to provide a variety of necessary services for the party each month. His skills and assistance have included computer services, general political consulting and other necessary services that we have been unable to attend to as a result of staffing. We will review again the guidance for acceptable purposes for disbursements as provided by the Commission and make note for future filings.

Sincerely,

Mr. Doug Chamberlain  
Wyoming Republican Party Treasurer

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